

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated April 8, 2005 in which the Examiner requires one of the species as identified by the groups of the drawings shall be elected for further prosecution.

In response, Applicant elects Species 1 as identified by the Examiner with Figures 1 – 11(c), with traverse. In particular, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's specific groupings of figures. Additionally, no similar restriction requirement was raised in the parent application that also included Figures 1-23. However, in the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicant has elected Species 1 for examination.

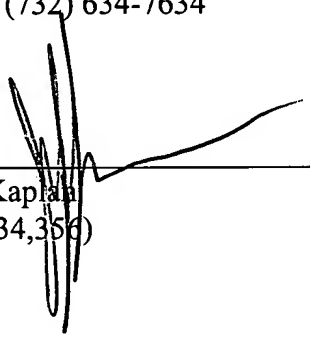
In the amendment to the claims, Applicant has withdrawn claims 6-11, 28, 31-34, 40-42, 45-48, 77-78, 82, 84-91, 110, 117, 151 and claims 153 – 165 from consideration at this time. All other claims are believed clearly readable on elected Species 1. It shall be understood that the withdrawal of the above-listed claims shall not by any way be interpreted as Applicant's standing on whether these claims are directed to elected Species 1, or whether the elected claims are directed to non-elected Species, as grouped by the Examiner.

A three-month extension is requested for the submission of this response, with a check of \$1020 to cover the extension fee. The Examiner is authorized to deduct additional fees believed due from our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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